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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on EthicsOFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Bill Shuster
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
 b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Sat. Aug 10 Return: Thurs. Aug 15
 b. Dates at personal expense: 8/15/13 - 8/20/13 or None ☐
4. Departure city: WDC Destination: Dublin Return city: WDC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Ripon Society + The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
member of Congress, spoke on panel 2
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; and
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
 b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

Bill Shuster

DATE:

8/28/13

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Franklin Center and The Ripon Society
2. Travel Destination(s): Dublin, Ireland
3. Date of Departure: we paid for August 10, 2013 dept. Date of Return: we paid until August 15, 2013
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Cong. Bill Shuster
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	air: \$4,252.20	\$1056.00	\$612.56	Ground: \$177.67, security pin \$1.36
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: James K. Conzelman

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: the Franklin Center and The Ripon Society

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 1155 15th street, NW Suite 550
Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-216-1008

Email Address: jconzelman@riponsociety.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Cong. Bill Shuster

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 2209 RHOB, WDC 20515

Telephone number: 202.225.2431

Email address of contact person: Kelley.halliwell@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Cong. Bill Shuster
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center
3. Travel destination(s): Dublin, Ireland
4. a. Date of departure Sat. Aug 10 Date of return: Thu. Aug 15
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: 8/15/13 - 8/20/13
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
- ✓ 8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Member of Congress, Speaking on Panel 2.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ or
 - c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
See Attachment A
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: Sat. Aug 10 Date of return: Thurs Aug. 15
7.
 - a. City of departure: DC or Member's district
 - b. Destination(s): Dublin, Ireland
 - c. City of return: DC or Member's district
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or
b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Both The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center will handle all arrangements for the conference. Both organizations are interested in promoting trade and enhancing international relations between the U.S. and countries such as Ireland.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)

b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

air travel will be in business class on commercial carriers. Members may request upgradable coach and use their miles. Busses will be used in Dublin.

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$166.45 per day

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Ireland has the EU Presidency this year, there are new energy opportunities, tax ideas and education ideas which can benefit the United States.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: The Merrion Hotel City: Dublin Cost per night: \$263**

Reason(s) for selecting: location, price, facilities. **may fluctuate with the exchange rate.

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	Air: \$6-10,000	\$1048 for 4 nights	\$622.88
For each accompanying relative	Air: \$6-10,000	0	\$622.88

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	ground: \$224.92	security pin: \$7.00
For each accompanying relative	ground: \$224.92	security pin: \$7.00

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: James Conzelman

Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-216-1008

Email address: jconzeman@riponsociety.org

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The Honorable Bill Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Ireland, scheduled for August 10 to 20, 2013, sponsored by the Franklin Center and the Ripon Society. We note that this trip includes five days at your personal expense and that you will be paying for your return airfare.

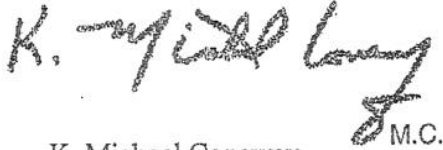
You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

The Honorable Bill Shuster
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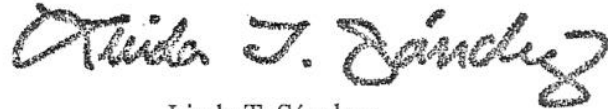
If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of K. Michael Conaway in dark ink, appearing as 'K. Michael Conaway' with a stylized flourish at the end.

K. Michael Conaway
Chairman

M.C.

Handwritten signature of Linda T. Sanchez in dark ink, appearing as 'Linda T. Sanchez' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

KMC/LTS:tn



TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE
Dublin, Ireland August 11-15, 2013

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

Evening

Flights depart for Dublin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

Casual Attire

Day

Flights arrive in Dublin

9:00 am-4:30 pm

Registration and Check-in at the hotel

Business Casual Attire

4:45 pm

Walk to Newman House

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Welcome by former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Andrew Montague, Ambassador Connie Morella and Jim Conzelman and opening reception at Newman House

DINNER ON OWN

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

Business Attire

- 6:00 am-8:15 am** **Breakfast at hotel – Wellesley Suite**
- 8:30 am** Depart for the Royal College of Surgeons for policy panels
- 8:50 am-9:00 am** **Historical introduction to the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Jim Sherlock, Head Concierge**
- 9:00 am-10:15 am** *Panel 1* **Keynote and panel discussion**
Ireland, the EU, and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: With the 2013 Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Ireland's leadership is focused on the launch of new trade agreement talks between the U.S. and the EU. Comprised of nearly half of the world's economic output, a trade partnership between the U.S. and EU will be an important economic achievement for all parties. The panel will look at this historic discussion and give their opinions as to what they think the agreement should look like.

Keynote:

- Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK) – Chairman, Agriculture**

Panel:

- Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA) – Ways and Means**
- Minister Paschal Donohoe, T.D. – Minister of State for European Affairs – Dublin Central**
- Mr. Seán Kelly – Member of the European Parliament (MEP) – Ireland South**
- Ambassador Dáithí O'Ceallaigh – Former Irish Ambassador to London, the WTO and the UN**
- Ms. Stacey Glasscock – Chief of Staff, Chairman Frank Lucas (Moderator)**

- 10:30 am-11:45 am** *Panel 2* **Keynote and panel discussion**
Steering a Nation to Success: With a focus on Ireland's Celtic Tiger era, this keynote and panel will discuss ways in which government action – and inaction – has contributed to past growth and how lessons learned during periods of prosperity can be applied to jump-start a nation in the future. Further dialogue will occur between leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives and their Irish counterparts regarding the role of government in a nation's economic success and the best leadership practices to encourage growth and opportunity.

Keynote:

- Ambassador John Bruton – Chairman, IFSC (International Financial Services Centre) Ireland; Former Taoiseach**

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Panel:

- Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX) – Chair, Rules
- Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA) – Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure
- Deputy Lucinda Creighton, T.D. – Former Minister of State for European Affairs – Dublin South-East
- Ambassador John Bruton
- Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA) (Moderator)

12:00 pm-1:15 pm

Buffet lunch

1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Panel 3

Panel discussion

Health Care and Pharmaceuticals: With nine of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies located in Ireland and seven out of ten pharmaceutical blockbusters being produced in Ireland, this panel seeks to create a dialogue on the role of government in health care innovation. The panel will share their thoughts on their country's strengths and weaknesses in this area and how the U.S. and Irish governments and companies can collaborate in the future.

Panel:

- Representative Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – Ways and Means
- Representative John Larson (D-CT) – Ways and Means
- Representative Cory Gardner (R-CO) – Energy and Commerce
- Ms. Anne Nolan – Chief Executive of Irish Pharmaceuticals Healthcare Association
- Mr. Matt Moran – Director of PharmaChemical Ireland
- Mr. Steve Stombres – Chief of Staff, Majority Leader Cantor (Moderator)

3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Return to hotel

Business Casual Attire

4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Prepare for dinner

6:00 pm

Depart for dinner at Guinness Storehouse

7:00 pm-10:30 pm

Dinner with discussion on trade, role of government, and health care and pharmaceuticals

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

Business Attire

6:00 am-8:00 am

Breakfast at hotel – Wellesley Suite

8:00 am

Depart for Farmleigh for policy panels

8:30 am-10:00 am

Panel 4

Keynote and panel discussion

Highly-skilled Workers & Immigration: Ireland, like the U.S., is experiencing a “brain drain” where highly-skilled workers are taking their talents abroad once they graduate from school. And while both countries have worked hard on education reforms to better prepare students for the workforce of the 21st century, each is finding they need to adjust their immigration policy to attract and keep talented and highly-skilled workers. The panel will share their thoughts on their country’s strengths and weaknesses in this area and their policy ideas to alleviate this growing problem.

Keynotes: Introductions by **Chairman Frank Lucas**

-Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)

-Representative Luis Gutiérrez (D-IL) – Judiciary

Panel:

-Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)

-Representative Luis Gutiérrez (D-IL)

**-Chairman Pat Breen, T.D. – Chair of the
Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and
Trade – County Clare**

**-Professor James Wickham – Director of the
Employment Research Center, Department
of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin**

**-Professor Alan Barrett – Research Professor and
Head of the Economic Analysis Division,
Economic and Social Research Institute**

**-Mr. Seamus McGuinness – Associate Research
Professor, Labor Market, Economic and
Social Research Institute**

**-Representative Spencer Bachus (R-AL) – Judiciary
(Moderator)**

(TUESDAY CONTINUED)

10:15 am-11:45 am *Panel 5* **Panel discussion**

The Future of Energy and its Security: With energy and its consumption being an enormous component of each country's economic activity, this panel seeks to explore policy ideas to ensure stable markets in our interconnected world marketplace. The panelists will also share their thoughts on the exploration and innovation of their country's own domestic fuel sources.

Panel:

- Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA) – Energy and Commerce, Energy and Power Subcommittee
- Representative Cory Gardner (R-CO) – Energy and Commerce, Energy and Power Subcommittee
- Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA)
- Dr. Brian Motherway – Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- Mr. Owen McQuade – Director of Energy Ireland
- Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA) (Moderator)

11:45 am-1:15 pm

Lunch at Farmleigh

1:15 pm-1:30 pm

Depart for U.S. Ambassador's Residence

1:30 pm-2:30 pm

In Country Briefing by Chargé d'affaires, Mr. John Hennessey-Niland and U.S. Embassy staff, introduction by Ambassador Morella

2:30 pm

Split into two groups to depart for Christ Church Cathedral & Dublin Castle

3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Historian led visits of Christ Church Cathedral & Dublin Castle

5:00 pm

Return to hotel

Business Casual Attire

5:15 pm-6:45 pm

Prepare for dinner

6:45 pm

Depart for dinner at various restaurants

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Dinner with discussion on highly-skilled workers & immigration, and the future of energy and its security

9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Hospitality suite at hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

Business Attire

- 6:00 am-8:15 am** **Breakfast at hotel**
- 8:30 am** Depart for Banking Hall at Westin Hotel for policy panels
- 9:00 am-11:00 am** *Panel 6* **Keynote and panel discussion**
Tax Reform and Financial Services: Since 2003, Ireland's corporate tax rate has been 12.5%, which is among the lowest in the industrialized world. And when compared to the U.S. rate of 39.1%, the difference for a company making business decisions in our increasingly interconnected world is stark. As talk of comprehensive tax reform is currently at the forefront of U.S. policy debate, this panel seeks to explore what the U.S. Congress can learn from Ireland about their tax reform efforts.
- Keynote:* Introduction of keynote and moderator by **Ms. Kelli Briggs, Deputy Chief of Staff, Chairman Pat Tiberi**
-Representative Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – Ways and Means, Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee
- Panel:*
-Representative Erik Paulsen (R-MN)
-Representative John Larson (D-CT) – Ways and Means, Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee
-Mr. Feargal O'Rourke – Head of Tax and Legal Services, PwC Ireland
-Dr. Donal de Buítléir – Director, Publicpolicy.ie
-Mr. Steve Stombres – Chief of Staff, Majority Leader Cantor (Moderator and panelist)
- 11:10 am-11:15 am** **Speaker – Historical remarks regarding the Banking Hall by Head Concierge of the Westin Hotel**
- 11:15 am-11:45 am** **Speaker – Mr. Aidan Pender, Director of Strategic Development, Fáilte Ireland. Introduction by Ms. Kelli Briggs, Deputy Chief of Staff, Chairman Pat Tiberi**
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm** **Buffet lunch**

(WEDNESDAY CONTINUED)

12:45 pm-2:00 pm *Panel 7* **Keynote and panel discussion**

High-Tech, Telecommunications, & Cybersecurity:

While the global downturn significantly impaired the Irish economy, one sector which thrived and continues to show growth is the high-tech industry. This panel seeks to explore what the U.S. and Ireland can learn from each other in this growing industry, as well as the ways they can share information and collaborate to protect critical infrastructure from cyber-attacks.

Keynotes

- Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA) – Vice Chair, Energy and Commerce, Communications and Technology Subcommittee**
- Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA) – Chair, Homeland Security, Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies Subcommittee**

Panel:

- Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA)**
- Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA)**
- Representative Spencer Bachus (R-AL) – Chair, Judiciary, Regulatory Reform, Commercial, and Antitrust Law Subcommittee**
- Professor Peter Clinch – Vice President for Innovation, University College of Dublin**
- Mr. Dermot Clohessy – Executive Director, IDA Ireland**
- Representative Luis Gutiérrez (D-IL) (Moderator)**

2:15 pm

Depart for Leinster House

2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Visit to Leinster House, home of the Irish Parliament, with welcoming remarks by Minister Ruairí Quinn, T.D. – Minister for Education and Skills; Chairman Pat Breen, T.D. – Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Minister Paschal Donohoe, T.D. – Minister of State for European Affairs

4:30 pm

Return to hotel

Business or Cocktail Attire

4:45 pm-5:30 pm

Prepare for dinner

5:30 pm

Depart for Powerscourt for reception and dinner

6:30 pm-9:30 pm

Closing reception and dinner at Powerscourt

10:00 pm-11:00 pm

Hospitality suite at hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

6:00 am-9:30 am

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning

Departure from hotel and flights to United States

End of TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange



TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE
Dublin, Ireland August 11-15, 2013

ATTACHMENT A

Congressional Invitees

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
The Honorable John Boehner (R-OH)
The Honorable Kevin Brady (R-TX)
The Honorable Michael Burgess (R-TX)
The Honorable Dave Camp (R-MI)
The Honorable Eric Cantor (R-VA)
The Honorable William Lacy Clay (D-MO)
The Honorable Mike Doyle (D-PA)
The Honorable Renee Ellmers (R-NC)
The Honorable Cory Gardner (R-CO)
The Honorable Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)
The Honorable Kay Granger (R-TX)
The Honorable Luis Guterres (D-IL)
The Honorable Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)
The Honorable Ron Kind (D-WI)
The Honorable John Larson (D-CT)
The Honorable Frank Lucas (R-OK)
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
The Honorable Michael McCaul (R-TX)
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
The Honorable Richard Neal (D-MA)
The Honorable Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)
The Honorable Hal Rogers (R-KY)
The Honorable Mike Rogers (R-MI)
The Honorable Steve Scalise (R-LA)
The Honorable Pete Sessions (R-TX) ✓
The Honorable Bill Shuster (R-PA)
The Honorable Adrian Smith (R-NE)
The Honorable Pat Tiberi (R-OH)
The Honorable Fred Upton (R-MI)
The Honorable Greg Walden (R-OR)

Congressional Staff Invitees

Mr. Michael Sommers (Chief of Staff, Office of Speaker of the House John Boehner)
Mr. Steve Strombres (Chief of Staff, Office of Majority Leader Eric Cantor)
Mr. Tim Berry (Chief of Staff, Office of Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy)

The TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange will focus on six major areas: health care and pharmaceuticals; immigration with regards to highly-skilled workers; energy exploration; financial services & tax reform; high tech, telecommunications, & cybersecurity; and leadership within a nation's government, specifically its legislature.

Below is the list of Members of Congress and staff members who will be invited and their relevance to each of these areas and keynote and panel discussion. We intend on taking 10-12 of these Members of Congress on the *TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange*.

Panel 2 – Leader to Leader Exchange of Ideas for Governance Panel Discussion

Rep. John Boehner (Speaker of the House)
Rep. Eric Cantor (Majority Leader)
Rep. Kevin McCarthy (Majority Whip)
Rep. Hal Rogers (Chair, Appropriations)
Rep. Pete Sessions (Chair, Rules)
Rep. Bill Shuster (Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure)
Rep. Mike McCaul (Chair, Homeland Security)
Rep. Kay Granger (Chair, Appropriations State, and Foreign Operations Subcommittee)
Mr. Michael Sommers (Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House)
Mr. Steve Stombres (Chief of Staff, Majority Leader)
Mr. Tim Berry (Chief of Staff, Majority Whip)

Panel 3 – Panel Health Care and Pharmaceuticals

Rep. Kevin Brady (Chair, W&M Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Michael Burgess (Vice Chair, E&C Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Renee Ellmers (E&C Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Bill Pascrell (W&M Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Marsha Blackburn (E&C Health Subcommittee)
Rep. John Larson (W&M Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Ron Kind (W&M Health Subcommittee)
Rep. Adrian Smith (W&M Health Subcommittee)

Panel 4 – Panel on Highly-skilled Workers and Immigration

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (Chair, Judiciary)
Rep. Luis Gutierrez (Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee)

Panel 5 – Panel on Energy Exploration

Rep. Fred Upton (Chair, E&C)
Rep. Cory Gardner (E&C Energy Subcommittee)
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (E&C Energy Subcommittee)

Panel 6 – Panel on Financial Services & Tax Reform

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Financial Services)
Rep. Frank Lucas (Financial Services)
Rep. Dave Camp (Chair, W&M)
Rep. Pat Tiberi (Chair, W&M Select Revenue Subcommittee)
Rep. Richard Neal (Ranking Member, W&M Select Revenue Subcommittee)
Rep. Lynn Jenkins (W&M)

Panel 7 – Panel on High Tech, Telecommunications, & Cybersecurity

Rep. Greg Walden (Chair, E&C Communications and Technology Subcommittee)
Rep. Mike Rogers (Chair, Intelligence; E&C Communications and Technology Subcommittee)
Rep. Steve Scalise (Vice Chair, E&C Communications and Technology Subcommittee)
Rep. Mike Doyle (E&C Communications and Technology Subcommittee)



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DUBLIN, IRELAND AUGUST 11-15, 2013

March 5, 2013

The Honorable Bill Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Shuster:

We are writing to invite you and your spouse to participate in a policy conference that The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center are holding in **Dublin, Ireland, from August 11-15, 2013.**

The policy conference is called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange. The purpose of the policy conference is to look at some of the key issues impacting the U.S.-Ireland relationship.

These issues include the fact that over 700 U.S. companies now do business in Ireland. These companies employ 115,000 people and have over \$188 billion in foreign direct investment in the country. Perhaps just as significant, Ireland has a corporate tax rate of 12.5%, the lowest among OECD nations, while the U.S. has a 39% tax rate – the highest among OECD nations.

The conference will feature keynote addresses and panel discussions with Members of Congress, Irish government officials, diplomats from the surrounding region, and policy experts from both business and academia. As a leader in U.S. legislative policy and a longtime proponent of making sure the United States remains engaged around the world, we would be honored to have you participate in these policy discussions.

A preliminary conference agenda is enclosed for your review. We will ask you to be a speaker at one or more of the sessions. While your contributions to all sessions would be of great interest, we will work with your office to identify the specific topic(s) where you can best contribute to the discussion. There will be both keynotes and panel sessions where other policy experts will participate. Spouses are encouraged to attend these informative sessions as well as all events.

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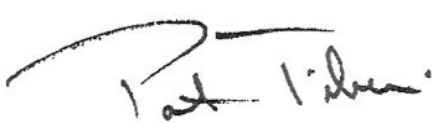
You and your spouse will receive roundtrip business class airfare from your Congressional District to Dublin, Ireland, a hotel room, group meals and ground transportation. The TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange is being planned in accordance with all House Ethics committee guidelines.

We can accommodate a 12 Member bi-partisan delegation for this year's conference along with our other guests. It is our sincere hope that you will be able to participate in what is sure to be a successful 2013 TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange conference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Conzelman at (202) 216-1008 or jconzelman@riponsociety.org.

Due to limited availability of airline seating during summer high season, please RSVP no later than May 1.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Pat Tiberi
House Co-Chairman
The Ripon Society's
Honorary Advisory Board

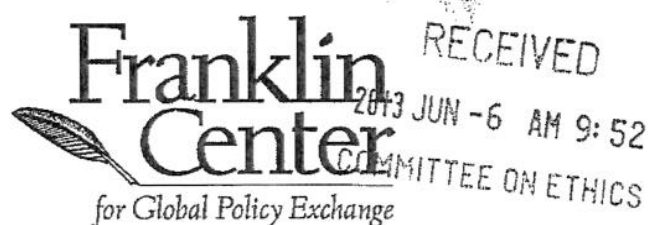


The Honorable Connie Morella
U.S. Ambassador to the OECD
Chairwoman, the Franklin Center

James K. Conzelman
President & CEO
The Ripon Society and
the Franklin Center

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TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE
Dublin, Ireland August 11-15, 2013

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

Evening

Flights depart for Dublin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

Day	Flights arrive in Dublin
6:00 am-11:00 am	Continental breakfast for those who arrive early
10:00 am-3:30 pm	Registration and Check-in at the hotel
4:00 pm-4:30 pm	Participant Welcome and Conference Briefing by Jim Conzelman and Ambassador Connie Morella
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	U.S. Embassy briefing- Ambassador and Embassy staff
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Opening reception
	DINNER ON OWN

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

7:30 am-8:30 am Breakfast at hotel

8:45 am Depart for Royal College of Surgeons for policy panels

9:00 am-10:15 am *Panel 1* Panel discussion

Ireland and the EU Presidency: This year ushers in a new phase in the European Union's drive for recovery. With the 2013 Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU, its seventh time holding the presidency, Ireland's leadership is focusing on security stability and ensuring that it leads to jobs and growth.

Panel with Irish and European Union officials and experts

10:30 am-11:45 am *Panel 2* Panel discussion

Leader to Leader Exchange of Ideas for Governance: A dialogue between leaders in the U.S. House and their counterparts in the Irish Parliament on leading within their own country's government. Topics include tactics, coalitions, politics, and best practices to successfully implement policy.

Panel with two-three U.S. Members of Congress and Irish Parliamentarians

12:00 pm-1:15 pm Lunch with speaker

1:30 pm-3:30 pm *Panel 3* Keynote and panel discussion

Health Care and Pharmaceuticals: Nine of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies are located in Ireland with seven out of ten pharmaceutical blockbusters produced in Ireland. Ireland is one of the leading research and development locations in the world.

Keynote – U.S. Member of Congress

Panel with two U.S. Members of Congress and Irish officials

3:30 pm-4:00 pm Return to hotel

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Prepare for dinner

6:00 pm Depart for dinner at Guinness Storehouse

7:00 pm-10:30 pm Dinner discussion: Ireland & the EU and Health Care

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

7:30 am-8:15 am	Breakfast at hotel
8:15 am	Depart for Farmleigh for policy panels
8:30 am-10:30 am	<i>Panel 4</i> Keynote and panel discussion Highly-skilled Workers & Immigration: Ireland, like the U.S., is experiencing a “brain drain” of those they educate who then for many different reasons emigrate. And while both countries have worked hard on education reforms to better prepare students for the workforce of the 21 st century, each is finding they need to adjust their immigration policy to keep talent and highly-skilled workers domestic. <i>Keynote – U.S. Member of Congress</i> <i>Panel with two U.S. Members of Congress and Irish officials:</i>
10:45 am-12:45 pm	<i>Panel 5</i> Keynote and panel discussion Energy Exploration: Ireland imports 80% of their energy sources (oil, natural gas, coal). Their transportation sector is 100% dependent on oil imports. There have been major discoveries of oil fields off of the Irish coast; the Irish government is actively incentivizing exploration/production through tax and regulatory policy of these oil fields in the hopes of reducing their import dependency and creating jobs. <i>Keynote – U.S. Member of Congress</i> <i>Panel with three U.S. Members of Congress and Irish officials</i>
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Lunch with the U.S. Ambassador at the Residence
2:30pm	Travel to the Irish Parliament
3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Tour of the chambers of the Irish Parliament (Leinster House)
5:00 pm-6:45 pm	Return to hotel and prepare for dinner
6:45 pm	Depart for dinner at various restaurants
7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Dinner discussion: Education & Immigration and Energy Exploration
9:00 pm-11:00 pm	Hospitality suite at hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

7:00 am-8:15 am	Breakfast hotel
8:30 am	Depart for Dublin Castle for policy panels
9:00 am-11:15 am	<i>Panel 6</i> Keynote and panel discussion Financial Services and Tax Reform: Dublin's International Financial Services Center, IFSC, set up by the Irish Government with EU approval in 1987, is globally recognized as a leading location for a range of internationally traded financial services, including banking, asset financing, fund management, corporate treasury management, investment management, custody and administration and specialized insurance operations. Since 2003, Ireland's corporate tax regime has been fixed at a rate of 12.5%, which is among the lowest in the European Union compared to 39.1% in the U.S. <i>Keynote – U.S. Member of Congress</i> <i>Panel with four U.S. Members of Congress and Irish officials</i>
11:30 am-12:45 pm	Lunch with speaker
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	<i>Panel 7</i> Keynote and panel discussion High Tech, Telecommunications, & Cybersecurity: While the global downturn significantly impaired the Irish economy, one sector which thrived and continues to show growth is the high-tech industry. How can the U.S. and Ireland learn from each other in this fast-paced growing industry? And what can they learn from each other about protecting critical infrastructure from cyber-attacks? <i>Keynote – U.S. Member of Congress</i> <i>Panel with three U.S. Members of Congress and Irish officials</i>
3:30 pm-4:00 pm	Historian led visit of Dublin Castle
4:30 pm-6:00 pm	Prepare for dinner
6:00 pm	Depart for Powerscourt for reception and dinner
7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Closing reception and dinner
10:00 pm-11:00 pm	Hospitality suite at hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

7:00 am-9:30 am	Breakfast at the hotel
Morning	Departures

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